Trade with U.K.

744. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 3rd April, 1993 stating that British High Commissioner Sir Nicholas Fenn had stated, recently, that the Ayodhya issue and the incidents of Bombay and Calcutta bomb blasts would not affect trade with U.K.;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) the estimated trade by India with U.K. for the current year and details of our trade with that country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) The British High Commissioner's statement is in line with the sentiments expressed by the British P.M. during his visit to India in January, 1993.

(c) Total exports in 1991-92 to U.K. were Rs. 2803.72 crores while imports amounted to Rs. 2963.06 crores. During the period April, 1992—January, 1993, India's exports to U.K. were of the order of Rs. 2899.13 crores and India's imports from U.K. during the same period amounted to Rs. 3325.55 crores. These figures show a growth of 31.39 per cent on exports and 32.23 per cent on imports as compared to the figures for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Export of Processed Food

745. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are keen to export processel food and earn foreign exchange ; and

(b) what is the manner in which Government propose to meet the internal demand and to maintain the nutritional status ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In case of items of mass consumption, besides restrictions such as quantitative ceilings, minimum export price and export licensing, imports are also resorted to where considered necessary.

राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण श्रम आयोग की सिफारिशों का अध्ययन

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डा. जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण श्रम आयोग द्वारा ग्रामीण श्रम के संबंध में की गई सिफारिशों का अध्ययन करने के लिए एक समिति का गठन किया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस समिति का गठन कब किया गया और इस समिति को कब तक अपना प्रतिवेदन देने का अनुरोध किया गया था;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस समिति ने अभी तक अपना प्रतिवेदन सरकार को प्रस्तुत नहीं किया है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो यह प्रतिवेदन कब तक प्रस्तुत किए जाने की संभावना है ;

(ड.) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण श्रम आयोग द्वारा की गई सिफारिशों को क्रियान्वयन करने संबंधी कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया है ;